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Subscribed Capital £4,500,000.  
Paid-up Capital £2,457,500.  
II.—Fire Funds 3,657,047.  
III.—Life & Annuity Funds 17,567,490.  
Sinking Fund Account 128,230.  
£23,970,587

Revenue Fire Branch £2,581,456  
Life and Annuity Branches 2,141,583  
Revenue Marine Department 537,239  
Other Receipts 475,940  
£26,830,228

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12.45 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. Every 10 minutes.  
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2.15 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
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6.00 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. to 11.00 p.m. every half hour.

11.00 p.m. to 11.45 p.m. every quarter of an hour.

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9.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Every 10 minutes.  
10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.  
11.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
12.00 noon to 1.30 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. Every 10 minutes.  
2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

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SPECIAL CARS by arrangement at the Company's Office, ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS, Des Voeux Road Central.

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Season ticket will be issued until payment thereof has been made in Bank Notes or by Cheques or Comptrollers order representing Bank Note.

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WONG PING WA, Manager.

Hongkong, April 1, 1918.

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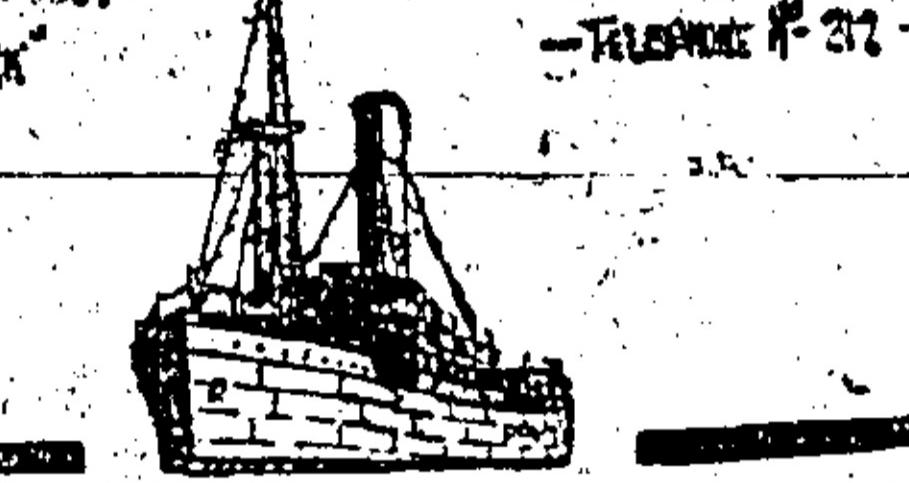
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## THE WAR.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

### THE COMING CLASH.

#### THE "WILD HOPES" OF THE ENEMY LEADERS.

LONDON, Feb. 18.  
Mr. Percival Phillips, the War Correspondent, is of the opinion that the principal thrust against the British will be between Arns and St. Quentin and that the Germans will make other attacks further south, which our Allies will deal with effectively.

The preparations of the German High Command are complete after weeks of laborious training, in open warfare, behind the lines. Massed Divisions released from the Eastern Front by the collapse of Russia are ready to make a last and supreme effort to fulfil the wild hopes of Field-Marshal von Hindenburg and General Ludendorff of breaking through the Allied Armies and ending the war by a decisive victory in the field. The enemy troops, which have been trained and fattened for wholesale slaughter, have been promised complete success and an early and victorious peace.

Reuter's Correspondent at Headquarters says evidence shows that the coming offensive will be conducted upon principles of surprise. The winter training of the enemy Divisions has been based upon the idea of repeating the tactics which succeeded in Galicia, Riga and on the Isonzo. The enemy's training exercises have been based upon the principle of the infantry breaking through without artillery preparation. This confirms the idea that the Germans will employ Tanks and it is probable that exciting Tank duels will be witnessed, in which numbers and experience will be on our side. The enemy, moreover, is expecting great results from a new poison gas and we know that he intends using gas shells very freely.

#### AIR RAIDS DEFEATED.

LONDON, Feb. 18.  
It is officially announced that six or seven aeroplanes carried out the raid on Sunday.

Only one machine penetrated London. It passed Thame at 9.45 p.m. and followed the Thames, crossing London from the south-east to the north-west.

Bombs were dropped in various districts between 10.40 and 10.55 p.m.

The remaining raiders attempted to reach London from the north-east, across Essex or from the east, along the Thames, but all were turned back.

The casualties and damage have not yet been reported.

LONDON, Feb. 19.  
The Press Bureau announces that hostile aircraft crossed the Essex coast at nine o'clock on Monday night and proceeded towards London.

They did not penetrate the defences and no damage or casualties are reported.

The casualties in Saturday's raid were three men, five women and three children killed, and one man and three children injured.

LONDON, Feb. 19.  
It is officially announced that thirteen men and three women were killed and 27 men and ten women were injured in Sunday's air raid.

The Press Bureau announces that there were no casualties or damage in Monday's air raid.

LONDON, Feb. 19.  
Lord Northcliffe, Minister of Information, has rejected the Government's Man Power proposal by 121,017 votes to 27,470.

#### AN APPOINTMENT FOR LORD NORTHCLIFFE.

LONDON, Feb. 19.  
Lord Northcliffe has been appointed Director of Propaganda in Enemy Countries.

### GERMANY RESUMES WAR AGAINST RUSSIA.

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 18.  
The Social Democratic says it learns from a reliable source that Germany to-day resumed war against Russia with the object of seizing Estonia and Livonia.

## INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 23rd day of February, 1918, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending the 31st December, 1917.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from Monday, the 11th February, to SATURDAY, the 23rd February, 1918 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
N. J. STABE,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, Feb. 8, 1918. 106

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

THE TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, No. 1 Connaught Road, on THURSDAY, the 28th February, 1918, at 11.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1917 and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 26th February, 1918, until THURSDAY, the 28th February, 1918, both days inclusive.

SHewan, TOMEs & CO.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, Feb. 18, 1918. 138

HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.

## NOTICE.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Hotel on FRIDAY, the 1st March, 1918, at 12.15 P.M., for the purpose of receiving Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1917, with the Report of the Directors and to discuss any matter that may be competently brought before the Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 22nd February to 1st March, 1918, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
J. H. TAGGART,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, Feb. 18, 1918. 140

## NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. P. G. LEUNG alias LEUNG LIM CHO alias LEUNG NGOK is no longer in our employment since the 11th instant. Henceforth, all monies in payment of debts due to us by any of our respectable members, should be handed to the undersigned and NOT to the said P. G. LEUNG alias LEUNG LIM CHO alias LEUNG NGOK who has no authority to receive same. The receipts for payments should bear our proper Cash Receipt Chop, otherwise they shall not be treated as valid. This is specially notified so as to prevent any dispute in future.

Dated the 11th day of February, 1918.

WING SUN & CO.,  
54 Queen's Road Central,  
Hongkong, Feb. 14, 1918. 133

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Victoria Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 8th day of March, 1918, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon when the abridged Resolution which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 30th day of February, 1918, will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution.

That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following:

(a) That the word "two" be substituted for the word "three" in the definition of "The Board" in Article 2.

(b) That the word "two" be substituted for the word "three" in Article 72.

(c) That the word "one" be substituted for the word "two" in lines one and two of Article 76 and that the word "other" shall be substituted for the word "others" and the word "his" for the word "their" in line two of Article 76; and the word "member" be substituted for the word "members" in line three of Article 76.

(d) That the word "Director" be substituted for the word "Directors" in Article 77.

(e) That the word "Director" be substituted for the word "Directors" in line four of Article 79.

(f) That the word "signature" be substituted for the word "signatures" in lines 1, 2 and 4 of Article 89 and that the word "one" be substituted for the word "two" and the word "Director" for the word "Directors" in line one of Article 89.

(g) That the words "hand of one of the Directors" be substituted for the words "hands of two of the Directors" in line 8 of Article 10.

Dated the 10th day of February, 1918.

By Order of the Board,  
A. SHILTON HOOPER,  
Secretary.

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED  
Agents for the Company  
General Agents for the Company

## INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

## RACE MEETING, 1918.

Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday and  
Saturday (off-day),  
February 25th, 26th, 27th, and  
2nd March.

TICKETS of ADMISSION to the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE may be obtained from Messrs. ELLIOTT and WALTER, LIMITED, or at the Gate. Price \$10 for the Meeting (excluding the off Day), or \$4 per day. Tickets for the off Day, \$3.

No one admitted without a Ticket, to be shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate.  
T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course.  
Hongkong, Feb. 21, 1918. 143

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE STEWARDS request the pleasure of the presence of the LADIES at the GRAND STAND and the ENCLOSURE during the Races.

A Stand and Enclosure will be reserved for Members and Members' Wives and Families. Tickets for which are being sent out by Messrs. ELLIOTT & DAVIS, the Secretaries and Treasurer, with the Members' Tickets.

All Tickets must be produced to gain admission.

Special accommodation will be reserved as in recent years for Chinese Ladies and their Female attendants in the Stand erected on the plot of ground next to the Lastano Club Stand.

T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course.  
Hongkong, Feb. 21, 1918. 144

## NOTICE.

A PROPOS of the above, Members are hereby notified that although Membership of the Jockey Club entitles them to free admission to the Enclosure and Stands during the Race Meeting an opportunity is given to them to make a special contribution to the War Charities by also purchasing an admission Ticket at the Gate. A Book will be in care of the Gate Keeper in which Members are asked to record any such purchase.

T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course.  
Hongkong, Feb. 21, 1918. 145

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

CLASSES for Servants will be issued on application to the Undersigned on SATURDAY, the 23rd February.

No Servants will be allowed inside the ENCLOSURE of the Race Course during the Race Days WITHOUT TICKETS, which can be had on application to the Undersigned. These Tickets are only available for Servants while in attendance on their employers or when on duty at the various Stands.

Any Chinese found loitering about with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit them and the holders thereof will be removed from the Enclosure.

T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course.  
Hongkong, Feb. 21, 1918. 146

RACE HOLIDAYS.

THE EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of EXCHANGE BUSINESS on MONDAY, TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 25th, 26th and 27th instant, at 11.45 a.m.

Hongkong, Feb. 21, 1918. 147

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

THE HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE will be CLOSED on MONDAY, the 25th, 26th and 27th instant—  
RACE DAY.

By Order  
R. HANCOCK,  
Secretary,  
Hongkong Stock Exchange  
Hongkong, Feb. 20, 1918. 148

ST. STEPHENS COLLEGE.

SCHOOL WILL RESUME work on MONDAY, February 25th, at 8.15 A.M.

Students who wish to enter should call upon the Warden on SATURDAY MORNING, February 23, at 9.30 A.M.

Hongkong, Feb. 19, 1918. 144

HONGKONG HOTEL.

RACE WEEK.

DINNER DANCES will be held on the following nights, open to Residents and Diners in the Hotel—

MONDAY, 25th February,

TUESDAY, 26th February,

WEDNESDAY, 27th February,

and

SATURDAY, 2nd March.

Table d'Hôte Menus will be served as follows—

GRILL ROOM \$3.50 per head.

DINING ROOM \$2.50 per head.

(The Ordinary Grill Room "à la Carte" Menu will be withdrawn on each of the above evenings.)

WEDNESDAY, 27th February,

and

TUESDAY, 26th February,

but will be RESUMED on

FRIDAY, 2nd March.

H. TAGGART,  
Manager.

20th February, 1918.

## THE CHINA MAIL.

"To make sales is not enough,  
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Sold in Medium Strength only.  
Packed in packets of 10 and 20 and in  
tins of 50 Cigarettes.

This advertisement is issued by British-American Tobacco Co., Ltd.

## THE COMING DEMOCRACY.

The original German version of this book was published at the end of last February in Switzerland, under the title "Durch... zur Demokratie." Therefore it appeared before the Russian Revolution exhibited to the world the horrors of mob rule (which is called "pure" Democracy by some of the modern disciples of Rousseau) and before the entry of the United States into war proved that the saner kind of democratic State is quite willing to take up arms when its position in world politics is threatened. Whether these historical events would have influenced Herr Fernau's conclusions is a matter which is immaterial. We do not think they would, for he is one of those philosophic Pacifists who ignore the teaching of history and think that it is only necessary to find the right formula to get a Millennium. As far as we are concerned, we have not been able to find any such formula.

We would not touch Herr Fernau or any of his kidney with a barge pole. But his book, in so far as they deal with facts imperfectly suppressed by the German authorities, contain useful material, and there is no reason why we should not make use of it. But his theory of Democracy, as in itself, a guarantee against war, cannot be accepted by any body who has the slightest knowledge of history. Past experience shows that democratic communities are as eager to fight their neighbours, though less capable of far-sighted preparation or of continuous and organised activity in actual warfare, as States which are subject to any other form of government. Democracy, like Mesopotamia, is a "blessed word," an ominous epithet, for the vast masses of unthinking people who, forget that, after all, it merely connotes a form of government which has, never, either in ancient or modern times, procured the greatest good of the greatest possible number, because the representatives of the people invariably in practice prefer their own personal interests to those of the people they are supposed to represent. And history teaches us that a democratic system invariably becomes an autocracy or an oligarchy under the stress of a great crisis by the tacit consent, it would seem, of the people, who see that their vital interests are menaced. And the affairs of France and of this country are for the present in the hands of those curious oligarchies known as Cabinets. Meanwhile, a great number of people in this country are devoting all the time they can spare from the neglect of their duties to reiterating the blessed word Democracy in the firm belief that it is a precious balm, which will, in course of time, break Germany's head, which is, of course, the Hohenzollern dynasty. They sincerely believe, for reasons which no plain man can understand, that their beloved pollywog will soon reduce Germany to impotence just as the abysmal old Dublin policeman adapted into tears when the humorist quoth observed—"You're a parrot-head."

Herr Fernau's new book, unlike the first which appeared when the Germans thought victory assured for them, will probably be acceptable to the German authorities as being helpful in its way to their great peace offensive. Germany would not hesitate about becoming a Democracy (on paper). If by so doing she could avoid drinking that dark and impious cup of邻國的怨恨 and defeat she offered to the tips of neighbouring nations, and when she had escaped the full penalty of her failure, the world, treat the new democratic constitution which Herr Fernau holds to be a "precious balm."

Because I am a German" is untrustworthy as a friend and a counsellor, because he is not a German—Morning Post.

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KAILAN MINING ADMINISTRATION,

TRENTON, NORTH CHINA.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

## OF

## TACK LOONG.

THE OLDEST & LARGEST CHINAWARE CONCERN  
IN CANTON.

OUR Patron are desired to note that Mr. Li HON CHY, also known as NG SHEUNG, who has heretofore represented this House for the Foreign Department, is no longer in our employ and has no authority to act on our behalf in any capacity whatsoever. Our new partner, Mr. FUNG YIU HING, also known as PO HING, will represent this House hereafter.

The general management and staff, except the above change, remain the same as before, and all commands or enquiries will receive the same care and prompt attention as in the past.

Canton, February 1, 1918.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from the Liquidators of the Firm of Messrs. FURNACE LOWMAN & CO. to sell by Public Auction,

MONDAY,  
the 25th March, 1918, commencing at  
at 11 a.m., at Mi-tau-kok,  
Kowloon City Road.

A QUANTITY OF  
SECOND-HAND CONTRACTORS'  
PLANT,

Two 15 ft. Invincible vertical double crank compound set condensing twin series direct acting centrifugal pumping engines (one left hand and one right hand) steam cylinders 9in. by 2in. by 12in. stroke with the necessary fittings and suction and delivery pipes for a lift of about 90 feet.

Two Gates Rock and Ore Breaker (Alis Chalmers Co.) one No. 8 right angle style, and one No. 3 right angle style with revolving screens, concave tines and fittings.

One 20in. by 10in. Blake Crusher (Fraser & Chalmers) with manganese jaw plates.

The Taylor's patent 1 yard Concrete Mixer with Steel Framing and fittings, various and spare gear.

One six Double Cylinder Manchester Pump by Purns 7in. and 12in. cylinders, 16in. stroke with suction and delivery pipe about 60 ft.

One 16 H. P. double cyl. Robey Portable Engine with usual fittings and mounting.

One six Bolt-driver Centrifugal Pump with suction and delivery pipes about 75-80 ft.

A quantity of Steel Wire Rope, Old Metal, &c.

On view from 9th March.

TERMS.—Cash.

**HUGHES & HOUGH**,  
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, Feb. 21, 1918.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

on

TUESDAY,

the 5th March, 1918, at 2.30 p.m.,  
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QUALITY

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Particulars of the Lot.

No. of Lot	Description	Boundary Measurements				Area in Acres	Area in Hectares	Area in Square Yards	Area in Square Metres
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1	As per sale plan	13.120	13.120	13.120	13.120	151	6.120	13,120	11,800

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THE CHINESE IN FRANCE.

INTERESTING NOTES ON THE  
LABOUR BATTALION.

A FIRST CLASS WORKER.

Some interesting notes on the treatment of the Chinese Labour Battalions in France appear in the *Peiping Leader* from a correspondent, somewhere in France. He writes—

Behind the fighting line you will find men of innumerable races and nationalities, employed not as combatants but on purely labour duties. By far the most numerous type is the Chinese.

We were not the originators of the idea of employing Chinese labour in France. The French themselves were the pioneers. Encouraged by their experience in utilising the services of men from their own colonies they proceeded to enrol them, with the acquiescence of the Chinese Government, in Northern China itself. The Chinese does not mind long journeys and long periods of voluntary deportation. He signs on for a three years' contract, whereas the South African native for domestic reasons limits his period of service to one year. This is a strong point in his favour. Another point in his favour is that he is a hardy traveller.

It must be an interesting pilgrimage when some thousands of these men set out for Europe, and it must be a remarkable experience. They must, in the first place, have been carefully selected, for as a rule apart from a few elderly individuals they all seem a good type from the physical standpoint. At the same time, in a long journey of this nature some maladies are necessarily contracted or show themselves. In that case the pilgrimage drops the sick people for hospital attendance on the way, and when they have recovered they are attached to the next party passing through. Thus, some parties arrive less in strength than when they started, while others arrive considerably larger. These maladies are nearly always trivial; an attack of mumps held a party up at one spot for quite a long time. In any case up to the present, no mishap whatever has befallen any party and the mortality is quite insignificant!

It may interest the friends of these Chinese emigrants to know that while I am very far from saying that the proceeds will be generally followed, one can hardly conceive of anything more innocent and unscrupulous than the average Chinese emigrant to buy or sell his boots for the sake of the few dollars he may get on them, and he will then return and blandly ask for another pair, but for the price which he ought to have received but did not.

He has, too, a weakness for new boots. Sometimes some of the boots have been stout second-hand ones thoroughly repaired, but if one man knows that another has received a pair of new boots, he takes them out in hand so that he can be taken in by the Quartermaster of the stores. It is his job to fit them out with boots, and his department keeps such a minute record of each individual transaction that if at the later date any labourer suggests he has not been properly paid he may be called upon to account for the lack of his pay.

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By Order,

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**THE CALENDAR.**

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

12 noon—Hongkong & Shanghai Bank  
meeting at City Hall.

8.15 p.m.—Dramatic entertainment at  
Theatre Royal by Mr. A. P. Stoker  
and members of the A.D.C.

**GENERAL MEMORANDA.**

MONDAY, Feb. 25.—  
Hongkong Jockey Club Races.

SATURDAY, Feb. 26.—  
Harlequin's Circus opens at  
Causeway Bay.

TUESDAY, Feb. 26.—  
Second day of Races.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 27.—  
Third day of Races.

THURSDAY, Feb. 28.—  
11.30 a.m.—Meeting of China Provin-  
cial Loan & Mortgage Co.

FRIDAY, March 1.—  
12.15 p.m.—Hongkong Hotel Co.'s  
half-yearly meeting of shareholders.

SATURDAY, March 2.—  
12.30 p.m.—Auction of Teakwood and  
Blackwood Furniture &c. at Mearns  
Hughes & Hough's.

FRIDAY, March 8.—  
11 a.m.—Extraordinary General Meet-  
ing of the Kowloon Land & Building  
Co., Ltd.

FRIDAY, March 29.—  
Good Friday.

SUNDAY, March 31.—  
Easter Sunday.

has accepted the Eastern Home  
Command, which may be a  
position of greater responsibility  
than it has been hitherto, if an  
attempt to invade England forms  
part of the German plans in the  
coming offensive. We are all very  
apt to think when a great leader in  
the war drops out that there must  
be total collapse: but we have only  
to recall the names of Lord  
KITCHENER, Lord FRANZ, Admiral  
JELLINECK and others to enable us  
to view these changes in a different  
perspective. We can but hope that  
the decisions which have involved  
the latest change will be justified  
by events.

**WAR BONDS DRAWING.  
PROTEST BY CHURCH LEADERS.**

**THE GOVERNOR'S REPLY.**

The following letters have been  
sent to us for publication with the  
compliments of the Bishop of Victoria  
and the Rev. T. W. Pearce:

Hongkong, Feb. 8th, 1918.  
To His Excellency Sir Henry May,  
K.C.M.G., LL.D.

Sir,—We, the undersigned, beg  
very respectfully to express to your  
Excellency our regret that you are  
reported to have sanctioned the pro-  
posed drawing of War Bonds in con-  
nection with the forthcoming celebra-  
tion of Sir George's Day and to  
have wished the drawing all possible  
success.

We are in entire sympathy with  
the object of raising funds for war  
purposes, but cannot escape the con-  
viction that whatever the financial  
success of the proposed Drawing, it  
must result in a loss of moral author-  
ity and strength and a diminished  
respect for law.

We especially regret that the pro-  
posal is put forward in a Colony  
where large numbers of persons of  
non-British race come within the  
sphere of British administration.

High-minded citizens of the adjoining  
Province of Kwangtung deplore  
and actively oppose the revival of  
licensed gambling there for purposes  
of revenue, and we believe that their  
efforts will be hindered now that the  
Hongkong Government apparently  
admits the plea of public require-  
ment as justification for an inter-  
mittent and unenforced administra-  
tion of its laws upon this subject.

We are of the opinion that the  
virtual suspension of the normal  
course of law in this matter, besides  
creating a false impression that our  
country must be in great financial  
necessity, involves a lowering of our  
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**THE LICENSING BOARD.**

**THE PEAK HOTEL LICENSE.**

A meeting of the Licensing Board  
was held to-day at 12.30 p.m. in the  
Council Chamber.

The Hon. Mr. Claud Severn,  
C.M.G., presided and there were  
present the Hon. Mr. E. Shellum,  
Mr. T. F. Hough, Mr. E. D. C.  
Wolfe, Mr. A. Mackenzie and Mr.  
G. Woodcock (Secretary).

Mrs. F. K. E. Blair applied for a  
Hotel Keeper's Adjunct Licence for  
the Peak Hotel.

The applicant said she was apply-  
ing for a licence because she was  
taking over the management of the  
Peak Hotel and that Mr. Peuster,  
the present manager, had been informed  
that his services would no longer be  
required.

On the suggestion of Mr. E. D. C.  
Wolfe, Mr. Blair was called into the  
meeting.

Mr. Wolfe asked whether it was  
not the usual procedure to ask for the  
transfer of the license when a new  
manager is put in charge, and not  
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## TELEGRAMS.

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## THE WESTERN FRONT.

## VIOLENT ARTILLERY ON FRENCH FRONT.

LONDON, Feb. 10.

A French communiqué states:— There was violent artillery activity during the night in the region to the south of the forest of St. Gobain, on the sector at Chavigny and to the north-east of Bezonsaux.

LATER.

A French communiqué states:— There was violent artillery activity in the region of Verdun.

We repulsed an German attack on the positions we captured on February 18, at Butte-du-Mesnil, taking some prisoners.

## RAIDING OPERATIONS ON BRITISH FRONT.

LONDON, Feb. 18.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:— We drove off raiders in the neighbourhood of Gabrille.

The Portuguese troops took a few prisoners in the neighbourhood of Neuve Chapelle.

The enemy suffered casualties in patrol encounters, on the Messines sector.

LATER.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:— We drove off a raid, to the east of Epehy.

The hostile artillery was active at Cambrai, Armentières and Ypres.

## NAVAL AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY.

LONDON, Feb. 18.

The Admiralty announces that naval aircraft dropped many bombs on Ulyanovsk aerodrome, at noon, on Sunday. One enemy machine was driven down. All our machines returned.

## SEVERE FIGHTING IN THE AIR.

LONDON, Feb. 19.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, reporting on aviation, states:— Our aeroplanes, on Sunday, dropped six tons of bombs on various targets, including aerodromes, at Tournai and Lille and a dump near Courtrai.

There was severe fighting in the air. We brought down ten and drove down six enemy machines. Three of ours are missing.

Further raids were carried out last night on aerodromes at Ghent and Tournai, and railway stations and sidings at Confins, where a ton of bombs was dropped. Bursts were observed and a large fire was started.

Our air squadrons, to-day, carried out a daylight raid, with excellent results, on barracks and a railway station at Treves and steel works and a railway station at Thionville. Two large fires were started at Treves and direct hits were obtained on the railway at Thionville. All our machines returned.

These raids were carried out despite very heavy and accurate anti-aircraft gunfire.

## IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

LONDON, Feb. 18.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law announced that the holding of an Imperial War Cabinet in 1918 would afford an opportunity to hold an Imperial Conference.

## THE BOLO AFFAIR.

## ANOTHER ARREST.

PARIS, Feb. 18.

Senator Humbert, who was mentioned in connection with the Bolo case, has been arrested.

## THE WORLD-WIDE DEMAND FOR SILVER.

LONDON, Feb. 22.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law, replying to Mr. Billing, said there had been an abnormal and almost world-wide demand for silver for currency purposes, owing to war conditions. A stock of five-shilling currency notes has been printed as a precaution lest the silver offering should be insufficient to meet future demands.

## THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, Feb. 19.

There is rather more enquiry on the Silver Market.

## UNSPEAKABLE CHAOS IN RUSSIA.

## INCREASING CHAOS.

LONDON, Feb. 10. The latest telegrams from Russia point to increasing chaos and widespread disturbances in the South. The only definite fact is that the Germans crossed the Dvina, because there was nothing to prevent them; Germany's move has roused even the idealists of Petrograd. *Gorky's* paper, *New Life*, which hitherto has been pacifist, says the German Government having quelled disaffection will attempt to smash the Russian Revolution. It points out the necessity to withstand an Austro-German attack by organizing an army for which plenty of material exists.

## THE POLES AND THE UKRAINIAN PEACE.

## A PROTEST BY THE REGENCY COUNCIL.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 10.

According to the *Lokal Anzeiger*, the Polish Regency Council has issued a manifesto, addressed to the nation, pointing out that the Central Powers guaranteed the independence of Poland; yet they would not admit the Polish representatives at the Brest-Litovsk Conference and that they have bought peace with Ukraine with a Polish province.

## A BRITISH INTIMATION TO RUSSIA.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 18.

The British Chargé d'Affaires has intimated that Great Britain does not recognise the independence of Ukraine or other territory hitherto belonging to the Russian Empire.

## VIOLENT ENCOUNTERS NEAR ROSTOFF.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 9.

General Alexieff's operations are developing in the region of Togrogog. Violent encounters occurred near Rostoff, while near Vorow the Bolsheviks are surrounded.

## FORCES OPPOSING THE BOLSHEVIKS.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 10.

Two outstanding forces are now arrayed against the Bolsheviks, namely, General Alexieff's Army and the Church.

## THE COMING OFFENSIVE IN THE WEST.

HINDENBURG'S BOAST.

LONDON, Feb. 19.

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## FIERCE FIGHTING AT ODESSA.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 14.

For two days there has been fierce fighting between the Ukrainian Cossacks and the Soviets in the streets of Odessa.

## A SOCIALIST "RED NAVY."

LONDON, Feb. 10.

A special message from Petrograd dated the 14th inst. states that a Decree authorises the organisation of a Socialist Red Navy, replacing the old Navy.

## REPORTED SUICIDE OF GENERAL KALEGIN.

LONDON, Feb. 14.

It is reported from Petrograd that General Kaledin has committed suicide.

## ARMED ROBBERY ON ITALIAN AMBASSADOR.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 14.

Three armed desperadoes stopped the Italian Ambassador's automobile, and relieved the Ambassador of his fur coat, pocket-book, and other valuable.

## ONLY CIVIL MARRIAGES RECOGNISED.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 14.

A Decree recognises only civil marriages, and confers the same rights on illegitimate and legitimate children.

## THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, Feb. 19.

There is rather more enquiry on the Silver Market.

## THE REPUDIATION OF STATE LOANS.

## ALLIED AND NEUTRAL PROTEST.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 19.

The Representatives of nineteen Allies and Neutrals have presented to the Bolsheviks a Note refusing to recognise the Decree which repudiated the Russian State Loans and confiscated property in so far as foreign subjects are affected.

## THE POSITION OF RUMANIA.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 11.

A Berlin telegram states that negotiations with Rumania have not yet begun. Probably Baron Kuehlemann (the Foreign Secretary) will go to Focane on the 22nd inst. to negotiate.

## A GERMAN REPORT DENIED.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 12.

The Bolsheviks deny the German report, cabled on the 5th inst., that the Poles have captured Mocheff and arrested Generalissimo Krylenko. Furthermore they declare that the towns of Kharhoff and Poltava have not adhered to the Ukrainian Rada.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

## THE WESTERN FRONT.

## GERMANS ATTACK FRENCH POSITIONS.

LONDON, Feb. 19.

A French communiqué states:— In Champagne the Germans newly attacked in the afternoon on our positions south-west of Butte-du-Mesnil. Our fire prevented the attackers from reaching the lines. A morning attack in the same region was made by three German battalions. The enemy everywhere was expelled after suffering heavy losses.

## THE RUSSIAN SITUATION.

## UNSPEAKABLE CHAOS.

LONDON, Feb. 21.

The huge batches of messages held up for over a week from Petrograd continue to arrive. They reflect unspeakable chaos, owing to the unbridled licence of hordes of Red Guards, besides wholesale robberies and confiscations everywhere, but especially in Western Russia. In some cases one village is fighting another over the division of the spoils of landowners' houses.

## A DECREE EMPOWERS THE SOVIETS TO CONFISCATE ANY PERSON'S SAVINGS WHICH HAVE BEEN ACQUIRED WITHOUT WORKING.

LONDON, Feb. 19.

Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters says the political and domestic situation in Germany is now creating internal excitement and anxiety and causing pressure upon the militarists, who have been forced to endeavour to pacify the people.

## THE FOLLOWING INSTANCE IS TYPICAL OF THE PRESENT SITUATION:

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## THE AIR RAIDS.

## THREE SUCCESSIVE ATTEMPTS ON LONDON.

LONDON, Feb. 19.

German air-fleets have made three successive raids on London since Saturday, but all were ward off, except a few aeroplanes which succeeded in penetrating the terrific barrage, and the raiders had the warmest reception.

## RUSSIANS EVACUATE HUNGARY.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 18.

The Russians have completely evacuated Hungary.

## BOLSHEVIKS DESTROY CORN STOCKS.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 18.

The Bolsheviks are destroying the corn stocks of Ukraine.

## THE GENERAL STAFF CHANGES.

## THE TENSION RELIEVED.

LONDON, Feb. 19.

Mr. Lloyd George's statement on the General Staff changes will be made after tonight. Mr. Asquith is expected to follow.

## IMPORTANT DEBATE INEVITABLE.

LONDON, Feb. 19.

The Daily Telegraph Parliamentary Correspondent says: General Wilson's succession to General Robertson is an event of serious import and in the present state of political feeling may lead to further complications. The probable action of the Government is rather uncertain owing to the Prime Minister's indisposition. Either to-day or tomorrow he will endeavour to attend the House and make a statement.

## NO SERIOUS ISSUE ANTICIPATED.

LONDON, Feb. 19.

Mr. Bonar Law stated that if the opportunity for vote was desired the Government would be willing to meet the wishes of the House.

## THE STORM IN SOUTH AFRICA.

LONDON, Feb. 19.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Warwick Brooks, Unionist Member for Mile End, asked what steps the Rt. Hon. Walter Long, Secretary of State for the Colonies, was taking to promote wheat-growing within the Empire.

## THE DAILY TELEGRAPH.

LONDON, Feb. 19.

The Daily News Lobbyist Correspondent says that the rumours that Lord Derby has resigned are officially denied.

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## THE MAGISTRACY.

LONDON, Feb. 19.

Mr. A. B. Purves, assistant engineer of the Public Works Department was summoned before Mr. A. Dyer Ball for failing to reduce speed and also with failing to sound his horn when turning the corner of Garden Road and Lower Albert Road on the 19th instant.

## THE WAR CYCLIST IN TROUBLE.

LONDON, Feb. 19.

Mr. R. E. Bellis appeared on behalf of the defendant, who pleaded not guilty. Dr. J. H. Saunders, J.P., said he was walking along Garden Road near the Lower Albert Road when he saw the defendant on a motor-cycle coming round the corner very rapidly. He did not hear any horn sounded and it struck him that if anyone happened to be near there would have been an accident. Very soon after, he heard a whistle and saw the defendant pulling up his cycle and immediately after saw Sergt. Peet go up to him and take down notes in his book. Witness went down to them and told Sergt. Peet that he would be glad to give evidence if required as he considered the speed the cycle came round the corner was very dangerous.

## THE POLICE COURT.

LONDON, Feb. 19.

The Police Court, in welcoming the separation of the Church and State, remarks that religion merely constrains people to endure exploitation in belief of Heavenly reward, hence religion will disappear when the people have developed.

## THE SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE, HONGKONG.

LONDON, Feb. 19.

The Jewish newspaper *Toghat* which has been confiscated for printing advertisements, is now run as a Yiddish International Bolshevik paper.

## THE COSSACK REGIMENTS ARE LEAVING PETROGRAD FOR DON.

LONDON, Feb. 19.

The Cossack regiments are leaving Petrograd for Don "to aid the workers against General Kaledin."

## THE BOLSHEVIKS DEFEAT GENERAL KALEGIN.

LONDON, Feb. 19.

The Bolsheviks defeated

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